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From: Bahrman, Sarah
Sent: Sun 8/9/2015 11:19:47 PM
Subject: RE: DW inquiry

Hi Mary –

The data that is available for the Bakers Bridge location so far shows an increase in manganese concentrations between 12 midnight on 8/6 and 9am on 8/6, with levels going from 296 ug/L to 2090 ug/L. That data is available here:

http://www.epaossc.org/sites/11082/files/PreliminaryData_08092015.pdf and is graphed in the charts you linked to in your email.

We anticipate a drop in metals concentrations at Bakers Bridge based on what we saw at upstream locations, but have not confirmed that with sampling results yet. We hope to have more metals data available soon for along the Animas.

Thanks,
Sarah

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From: Mary Monroe [mailto:mary@trails2000.org]
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Does the existing water testing chart posted on your website read that the manganese level was 2000 u/L at 9am at Bakers Bridge and had dissipated to 100 u/L by 9:50am?

<http://epaossc.org/sites/11082/files/Data%20Update%2008082015.pdf>

Are safe drinking levels determined at the local or federal level?

Thank you.

On Aug 8, 2015, at 4:54 PM, Bahrman, Sarah <Bahrman.Sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Mary-

You are correct- there is not an MCL for manganese in drinking water. We do have established 1-day and 10-day health advisory levels for manganese, however, that will help inform the safety of drinking water.

Thanks,

Sarah

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